

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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 4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-305US
 Title: E-Commerce System and Method for Automated Configuration of Trading
 Relationships

5 **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

6 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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 8 my name.

9 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed
 10 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the
 11 subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention
 12 entitled "E-Commerce System and Method for Automated Configuration of Trading
 13 Relationships," the specification of which is attached hereto.

14 I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified
 15 specification, including the claims.

16 I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the
 17 examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
 18 Regulations, § 1.56(a).

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 20 inventor's certificates have been filed prior to the date of execution of this
 21 declaration.

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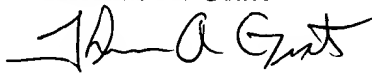
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